

SCHOOL BOARD BYLAWS**Hearing Procedures****Public Hearings**

The following procedure shall be followed by the Board when large delegations come before it requesting a hearing regarding a critical issue being considered by the Board:

1. Position of the Board Stated: After the meeting has been officially opened, the Chairman of the Board shall briefly state the position of the Board and give reasons therefore. If official action on the issue has not yet been taken, the Chairman may so state and may summarize briefly the arguments for and against the issue to be decided. Other members of the Board may also be heard at this time.

2. Speakers For and Against the Issue: The Clerk of the Board, or the person designated by the Chairman, shall secure the names of all those persons wishing to be heard. Those desiring to speak shall indicate whether they are for or against the issue involved. Persons not responding to the Clerk's request shall not be heard.

The Chairman shall allot three minutes to an individual speaker and five minutes to the spokesman of an organized group. Time can be increased only by a majority vote of the Board.

3. Board to Answer Questions: By majority vote of the Board and after the speakers for and against the issue have been heard, the Chairman shall indicate that questions pertaining directly to the issue involved may be directed to the Board, through the Chairman.

4. Action by the Board: Upon a ruling by the Chairman closing the public discussion, the Board may proceed with its deliberations and take whatever action it deems advisable.

The Board may at any hearing by majority vote take the issue under submission and continue the hearing from time to time but not for a period of more than 60 days from the date of the next regular meeting of the Board.

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